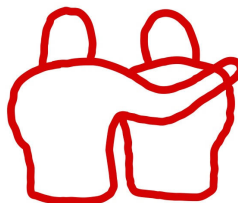


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It is the time of year when many people carry out repairs or make alterations to their homes.

Plans have been made for a number of weeks to have both our vehicles upgraded on the interior and the vehicle on Teesside with any mechanical repairs which are necessary. We are still awaiting quotations for the interior of the Teesside vehicle for UPVC Cladding and ventilation, but the Newcastle van has been fitted out. Funding was received from Gegg's Foundation for shelving and containers for the kitchen at Hope House and for transportation of food to various



locations. Photographs left and below show Brian and John with new equipment in Hope House and our Chairman and Secretary with the Newcastle vehicle.

The NEHL Annual General Meeting was held at Ryhope Pentecostal Church on 22nd of June. Preparations had been made for the business of The Trust being dealt with first, with a time of Praise and Celebration to follow. The attendance was most disappointing with only 6 Trustees (also members) 1 Trustee, 1 NEHL volunteer, 1 Church Member and 2 Individual Members present. Thanks were given to the Church for hosting the meeting and refreshments which followed.



The Annual Walk For Walters' Work took place on the 23rd of June and assembled at Hetton-le-Hole IM Church at 2.00pm on a typical summer day. It was decided to take a group photograph of the 19 walkers and 3 supporters before we set off so that we might be recognised. The route organiser and leader was Shaun Newton who had planned a five mile walk around the Lakes of Hetton.

To let us know of any fundraising events etc, please contact Jean Cansfield (Secretary) with details of date, time and venue.

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Unfortunately the weather was so unsettled that this was reduced to around three miles through attractive countryside touching the edge of a lake and Eppleton Cricket Ground. Refreshments were prepared for our return which were most appreciated by all. The epilogue was given by Jill Tweddle of Hetton based on a "Walk in the woods" and the closing prayer was led by Ian Wren. The thanks of NEHL were given by the NEHL Secretary to

the walkers for their commitment, energy and continuing support and to the Church for their hospitality and refreshments.

A few items from the Middlesbrough Kitchen

- The old guy sleeping rough behind the Church is very shy and vulnerable.
- Jonny was high on drugs and was falling into people.
- Lee wants to go to rehab. We gave him the betel leaflet so that he could ring them.
- A large and very loud crowd today-all drunk and arguing.
- Chris was very upset because his Aunty had died of a heart attack. She was only 50.
- 3 outreach workers from Crime Reduction Initiative came and offered support to our clients.
- African guy, new in town, took a bible and is going to church on Sunday.
- Amanda told us her kids were taken into care because of her drinking

A few items from Stockton

- Mark has been busking all day for food money.
- David has got a flat for himself and his girlfriend. They are both very happy.
- Cocky is having second thoughts about rehab. Sadly he is drinking a lot again.
- Davy has been evicted for Drug Dealing from his house.

Fund-Raising Activities

(Contact Jean Cansfield for further information on any item)

- Anne Chisholm will attempt to produce watercolour paintings of buildings, landscapes, flowers (NO people or animals!) from photographs or pictures.
- Pauline Blyth is willing to try to sell unwanted items on e-Bay.
- Lawn cutting (Sunderland Area)
Please contact George Carlyon
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News from Darlington kitchen

- Kelly tells us she is pregnant with a little girl. She needs to stay clean or will lose the baby.
- Tim arrived homeless. We gave him a sleeping bag because all his belongings had been stolen. We arranged for him to view a flat the following day but he was turned down because he smelled of drink.
- Dean visited the kitchen in a red Porsche convertible. He has been alcohol free for a year and is back to work. Last week he ran the Sunderland Marathon for charity. A very happy outcome.
- A few items from Newcastle Kitchen.
- A young girl came late to the kitchen. Her boyfriend had tried to hang her during the week and she had just been discharged from hospital. She is staying at her mams and sisters when they will put her up.
- Sean is considering Betel. He is going to speak to his probation worker. He is fed up of being on the streets and has tried virtually all of the hostels but is addicted to alcohol.
- Daniel was no better than last week. He is self harming and had a meeting during the week with his health worker. They are having a follow up meeting with him on Monday.

Once again our grateful thanks to all our supporters for their continuing donations. Thanks to Birtley Bakery for their weekly donation of food which is appreciated by our clients.

And finally a special mention of all our volunteers who give of their time and talents.

Fundraising

A lady who is a volunteer at our Darlington kitchen, along with residents of Langholme in Darlington held a street party for local charities. A donation of over £500.00 has been received which will be used to enhance the Teesside vehicle. Photographs etc will be in the next newsletter.

Contact Details

To donate tinned food, clothing, or blankets, contact Carl Heron (Chairman)
☎ (0191) 5368637 to arrange collection

To make a donation of money, contact Moira Cansfield (Treasurer)
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